

contract in Congo, an African country, under the United Nations Mission for peace-keeping, have not received their salaries since November, 2005;

(b) the reasons for the non-payment of their salaries;

(c) by when the salaries would be paid to them; and

(d) whether the soldiers of Indian army are also deployed in Congo?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) The contingent members including Jawans of the two Units deployed to assist the United National peace-keeping Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo have been receiving their salaries. The Government has also enhanced the overseas allowance payable to the other ranks;

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

(d) Yes sir.

Approval to pending Gujarat Motor Vehicles (Use of fuel) Regulation Bill

761. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Gujarat had submitted the Gujarat Motor Vehicles (Use of fuel) Regulation Bill to the Central Government for approval in february, 2005;

(b) if so, why the Central Government have still not approved it, even though the Bill aims to reduce vehicular pollution through the use of cleaner fuel like CNG; and

(c) by when the Central Government would approve the said environment friendly legislation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The State Legislation are examined from three angles viz. (i) repugnancy with Central Laws (ii) deviation from National or Central Policy and (iii) legal and constitutional validity. In the case of the Gujarat Motor

Vehicles (Use of Fuel) Regulation Bill, 2005 there are policy issues, which need to be sorted out and no time-frame can be fixed for achieving the same.

Foreign Contribution (Management) and Control Bill

762. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) by when Government are going to introduce Foreign Contribution (Management) and Control Bill to consolidate the laws relating to expenditure and utilization of foreign contribution or foreign hospitality by individuals or associations;

(b) whether it is a fact that the voluntary sector is up in arms against Government over this legislation; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) The Government is considering to amend the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA), 1976 to consolidate the law relating to the receipt and utilization of foreign contribution or acceptance of foreign hospitality for any activities detrimental to the national interest and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

The draft Foreign Contribution (Management and Control) Bill which has now been re-nomenclatured as Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Bill was placed on the website of MHA and comments/suggestions of various Associations were received. Some Associations have suggested that certain provisions in the draft Bill like provision for renewal of registration certificate in five years, provision of suspension/cancellation of certificate of registration, provision for restricting administrative costs, provision for payment of fees for Registration/Prior Permission, provision for custody of assets in case of cancellation of registration, etc. may be deleted. The draft Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Bill, 2006 has been prepared and it is now in an advanced stage of consideration.